The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" If my hon. Friend means that I should make a personal enquiry, I do not think it will be possible for me to do so. I shall make such enquiry as is usual with regard to such official matters."

Language qualifications of the staff of the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School.

* 152 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state with reference to the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School—

(*a*) what the subjects taught through the medium of English are and what the subjects taught through the medium of Urdu are in the high school classes;

(*b*) how many of the teachers in the said school have undergone training in Urdu for teaching the Muslim pupils through the medium of Urdu and how many have not had such training; and

(*c*) who the former are and what their service in each case under Government is?

A.—(*a*) In the high school classes all the subjects, except Urdu, are taught through the medium of English.

(*b*) Sixteen teachers can teach in Urdu and six cannot do so.

(*c*)

Name.	Years of service.
1. Miss Dweltz	13
2. Mrs. Khamur Unissa	4
3. Mrs. Swarnammal	21
4. Mahaboob Unissa	9
5. Kareem Unissa	9
6. Kubra Begum	9
7. Sogra Begum	9
8. Ameer Unissa	3
9. Begum Jan	4
10. Puthlee Begum	4
11. Faiz Unissa	4
12. Zamruth Begum	6
13. Mumthee Begum	21
14. Chand Begum	10
15. Masson Begum	11
16. Miss Mitchell	18

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether the 16 teachers whose names are given in answer to clause (*c*) of my question are all connected only with the lower classes which are below Form I or Form III? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot say that offhand."

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B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know with reference to the answer given in clause (b) that six teachers cannot do so in Urdu, whether Government could not find six teachers who are able to teach in Urdu?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I suppose so."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether it is not a fact that the six teachers who cannot teach in Urdu are in charge of the higher classes in the High School?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I cannot say off hand."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"With reference to the answer given in clause (c) may I know what the qualifications of those teachers are to teach Urdu?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Notice."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that in the higher classes the medium of instruction is English and therefore a knowledge of Urdu is not necessary?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Yes. So it necessarily follows that these teachers need not know Urdu."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the University allows candidates appearing for the S.S.L.C. Examination to answer their questions in vernacular and that the University and the Government encourage vernacular?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The University allows the students to answer in their own vernacular and Government are encouraging them."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that the Education Department has accepted the policy of vernacularization of high school courses and, if so, whether the hon. Minister does not think it necessary that in the Hobart Training and Secondary school there should be also vernacularization of studies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I shall examine that question."

Alleged complaints against the text-books prescribed in the Government Hobart Secondary and Training School.

* 153 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) who the authority is that prescribes text-books for the various forms in the Government Hobart Secondary and Training School, Madras;

(b) whether there is any special committee constituted for prescribing text-books for the above school and for the other Government Muslim Girls' Schools in the Presidency;